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communique of the ministry of internal affairs of the USSR. -
on the night of april twentyfifth this year the ministry of internal affairs of the USSR received information that aye foreign plane of unknown nationality had violated the soviet border and appeared over the territory of the ukrainian SSR. it was established that agents of foreign intelligence service parachuted from the above plane. -

as aye result of measures taken by the ministry of internal affairs of the USSR two parachutists, who called themselves vasil vasilyevich vasilchenko and leonid nikolayevich matkovsky were found and arrested on april twentyseventh. -

the arrested parachutists admitted that they were saboteurs and had been sent to the USSR from abroad by the american intelligence service with sabotage terrorist and espionage assignments. the saboteurs stated that on the night of april twentyfifth this year they parachuted on the territory of the ukrainian SSR from an american fourengined plane without identification marks. -

at the interrogation the saboteurs vasilchenko and matkovsky admitted that they were using assumed names given to them by the american intelligence service and that the real name of +vasilchenko+ was alexander vasilyevich lakhno, espionage name +alec+ +matkovsky+ - alexander nikolayevich makov, espionage name +pete+. -

lakhno and makov deposited that two other saboteurs - american intelligence agents known as +john+ and +dick+ - parachuted together with them from the same plane. -

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as aye result of measures taken by the ministry of internal affairs of the USSR the saboteurs +john+ and +dick+ were also found and arrested on the same day. +john+ turned out to be sergei izosimovich gorbunov, and +dick+ - dmitri nikolayevich remiga. -

the arrested parachutists had with them fire arms, poison (potassium cyanide), four shortwave radio sets of american make, radio beacons to guide planes, cryptographical means, devices for forging soviet documents, great amount of soviet currency, foreign gold coins, cliches with the text of antisoviet leaflets. -

opened parachutes were found at the points where the saboteurs had landed. -

the investigation in the case of the arrested saboteurs has established that way back during the great patriotic war lakhno, makov and gorbunov were active accomplices of the german / fascist invaders, betrayed soviet people who carried on patriotic work against the fascist invaders, and took part in the operations of german punitive detachments against guerrillas. -

thus, the arrested lakhno had betrayed five soviet patriots who were shot by the gestapo the saboteur makov, aye member of the +blacksea+ punitive battalion often took part in atrocities and violations perpetrated by the german / fascist invaders against soviet patriots. -

after the defeat of nazi germany lakhno, makov, gorbunov and remiga fled to western germany where they easily succeeded in finding new masters and patrons in the american intelligence agencies. -

the traitors to the homeland lakhno, makov, gorbunov and remiga, who had experience in vicious traitorous work, were enrolled in the american intelligence service and sent to aye special espionage and sabotage school of the american intelligence service in bad wiessee, near munich, bavaria. -

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under the direction of american intelligence officers who called themselves +bill+, +bob+, +captain+, +vladimir+, the traitors lakhno makov gorbunov and remiga underwent aye comprehensive training in the methods of organizing and carrying out acts of terror sabotage and espionage on the territory of the soviet union, in firing military weapons and in handling explosives. they were also trained in operating american radio sets of aye special design for espionage purposes.-

during the investigation it was ascertained, specifically, that captain rpt specifically, that captain holladay of the american intelligence was one of the +instructors+ at the american sabotage and terrorist school in bad wiessee who had trained the arrested parachutists in sabotage and terroristic methods.-

the saboteurs lakhno, makov, gorbunov and remiga deposited that the american espionage and sabotage school in bad wiessee was not the only +educational establishment+ of this kind in western germany. such +schools+ also function in munich, frankfurt on main, kaufbeuren and bad woerishofen. in all those +schools+ the american intelligence service ~~secretly~~ secretly trains spies saboteurs and assassins in order to send them to the soviet union and the peoples democracies.-

one of those +schools+ in kaufbeuren, bavaria, is directed by major ronald otto bollenbach of the american intelligence service, who is acting under the pseudonym of +pepper jim+

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in nineteenfortysix / nineteenfortyseven he was united states assistant air and naval attache in moscow.-

the saboteurs lakhno, makov, gorbunov and remiga deposited that after passing the training course in bad wiessee they were supplied by the american intelligence service with forged soviet passports, faked military cards, weapons, poison, radio sets, ciphers, codes and other equipment. on april twentythird this year, escorted by the above mentioned official of the american intelligence service captain holladay, they went by american military plane from munich to athens airport, greece.-

at athens airport the saboteurs were met by major harold Irving fidler of the american intelligence service, who had thrice visited the soviet union in nineteenfiftyone under the guise of aye diplomatic courier of the american state department.-

on the evening of april twentyfifth the saboteurs were outfitted with parachutes and boarded under fiders direction the above fourengined american plane without identification marks which carried them to the place where they parachuted on the territory of the soviet union.-

the arrested saboteurs testified that the american intelligence service had instructed them to make their way to kiev and odessa and, in the first place, to get hold of genuine soviet documents by any means not stopping at the assassination of soviet people, to substitute them for their faked documents fabricated by the american intelligence service and to settle down in the aforesaid cities, to establish radio communications in cipher with the american intelligence radiocentre in western germany ~~by means of their radio sets~~ by means of their radio sets in order to receive further instructions from the american intelligence for committing acts of terror and sabotage in the soviet union.-

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the investigation in the case of the saboteurs aaa vvv lakhno, aaa nnn makov, sss iii gorbunov and ddd nnn remiga by the ministry of internal affairs of the ussr has been completed and the case of the above mentioned persons rpt persons handed over to the military collegium of the supreme court of the ussr. A-2

aye few days ago the military collegium of the supreme court of the ussr, having heard the case of alexander vasilyevich lakhno, alexander nikolayevich makov, sergei izosimovich gorbunov and dmitri nikolayevich remiga, considering the seriousness of their crimes against the soviet state, and guided by the decree of the presidium of the supreme soviet of the ussr of january twelfth nineteenfifty +on the death penalty for traitors to the homeland, spies, ~~and saboteurs~~ wreckers and saboteurs+, has sentenced them to the supreme penalty - to be shot. -

the sentence has been carried out.

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moscow may 27 reuter, - russia today announced the capture and execution of four men described as american spies who were dropped by parachute in the ukraine. H-10

the announcement of this by the soviet ministry of internal affairs was published in the leading newspapers pravda and izvestia which said that the four +diversionists+ had been dropped from an american four-engined plane on the night of april 26/27.

it added that after they had confessed to their activities they were sentenced to death by the military collegium of the soviet supreme court;

the sentence has been carried out.

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the special communique of the ministry of internal affairs gave the names of the exECUTED AS

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alexander vasilievich lakhno, alexander nikolaevich makov, sergeo ivosimovmh vorvgorbunov, dimitri remigi. m

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the announcement said the agents, who bore russian-sounding names, were armed, had four american-built shortwave transmitters, soviet and foreign money and gold, as well as plates to print anti-soviet leaflets.

the four +diversionists+ made confessions, the announcement said.

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the communique said;

+on the night of april 25/26 the ministry of the interior of the soviet union received news of the violation of soviet territory and the appearance over the soviet ukraine of a foreign plane without identification marks;

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+it was established that agents of a foreign intelligence service were parachuted from the plane.

+as a result of energetic measures taken by the ministry of the interior two parachutists named vasily vasilivich vasilenko and leonid nikoliovich magkovsky were found and captured on april 27.

+the arrested parachutists confessed that they were diversionists and had been dropped in the soviet union from abroad by american intelligence with diversionist, terrorist and espionage assignments.

+the diversionists declared that on the night of april 26 this year they were dropped on the territory of the ukraine soviet republic by parachute from a four-engined american plane without identification marks.

+in the course of the investigation, diversionists vasilenkov and magkovsky confessed that they bore fictitious names given them by american intelligence and that in reality 'vasilenkov' was alexander vasilievich lakhno with the spy alias 'alec' and 'magkovsky' was alexander nikoliovich makov with the spy alias 'pete'.

mt +lakhno and makov testified that together with them two other diversionists - agents of american intelligence with the spy names don and dick - were also dropped from the same plane.

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+measures undertaken by the ministry of internal affairs led to the discovery and arrest of the diversionists don and dick on the same day.

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+don proved to be sergei ivosimovich bonvgorbunov and dick was dimitri remigi.

+on the parachutists, at the time of the arrests, were found fire arms, poison (potassium cyanide), a short wave radio station of american production, radio beacons to direct a plane to a destination, a means of secret writing, meant for preparing false soviet documents, a large stock of soviet currency, foreign gold coins, matrices with the texts of leaflets of antisoviet content.

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(a u.s. state department spokesman said washington knows

nothing about four alleged spies for america being dropped by
parachute from a plane over the ukraine. 4-5

(department spokesman michael mcdermott said he could not say
anything about the russian stories, which report capture of the
men and their subsequent execution, because the department has
no knowledge of the alleged incident.)